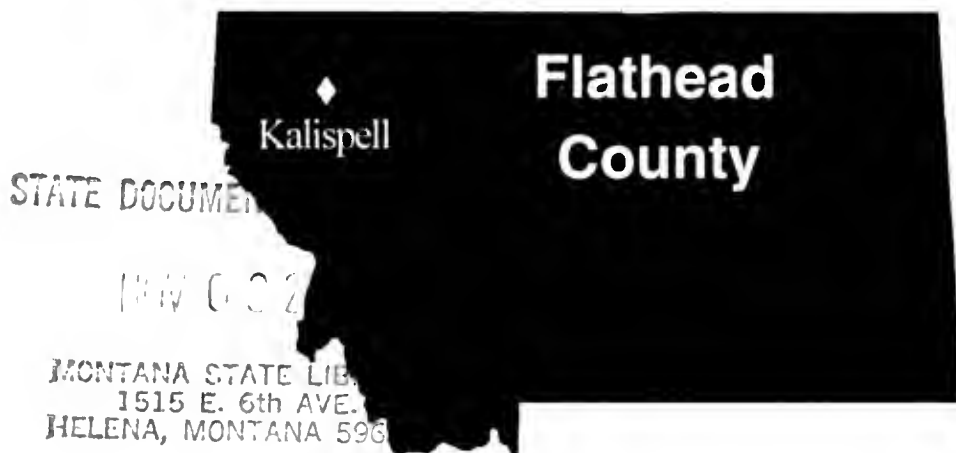


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Flathead County

Located in northwestern Montana, Flathead County is Montana's fourth most populous with 59,218 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Kalispell, the county seat, is the state's seventh largest city with a population of 12,605. The city is the trade center of northwest Montana and located at the junction of U.S. Highways 2 and 93. The area is renowned for its Flathead cherries and Christmas tree farms. It's also a gateway to Glacier National Park and located between the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana's largest, and the Flathead Indian Reservation.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and the area was called 'the park between the mountains' by the Salish Indians.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Flathead County households in 1989 was \$24,145. The county is 5,256.6 square miles in area; 5,098.6 square miles in land area and 158.0 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Great Falls Weather Service*, the average daily low in Kalispell in January between 1961 and 1990 was 12.7 degrees above zero and average January snowfall 17.2 inches. The average daily high in July was 81.3 degrees above. The annual precipitation for the same period was 8.47 inches and the growing season was from April 21 to Oct. 5.

Flathead County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/99 Estimate	7/1/98 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '99	% Change '90 to '98
Montana	882,779	879,533	799,065	10.5%	10.1%
Flathead County	72,773	71,888	59,218	22.9%	21.4%
Columbia Falls	4,293	4,161	2,894	48.3%	43.8%
Kalispell	17,149	16,834	12,605	36.0%	33.6%
Whitefish	6,292	6,177	4,621	36.2%	33.7%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896

Top 20 Private Employers In Flathead County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

Alamon Telco Inc. American Timber Co Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort CenturyTel Columbia Falls Aluminum Daily Inter Lake Flathead Electric Co-op	Glacier Bank Immanuel Lutheran Home L C Staffing Service Kalispell Regional Medical Center North Valley Hospital Northwest Montana Human Resources Plum Creek Manufacturing	Semtool Inc Stoltze Lumber The Summit Tidyman's Wal-Mart Workplace Inc
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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

First Quarter 2000 Unemployment Insurance Information

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	Total	494

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

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Annual Average Labor Force For Flathead County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
1970	14,209	13,209	1,000	7.0%
1971	14,623	13,612	1,011	6.9%
1972	15,832	14,697	1,135	7.2%
1973	16,673	15,505	1,168	7.0%
1974	17,714	16,073	1,641	9.3%
1975	17,742	15,925	1,817	10.2%
1976	19,013	17,281	1,732	9.1%
1977	21,124	19,282	1,842	8.7%
1978	22,930	21,114	1,816	7.9%
1979	23,469	21,925	1,544	6.6%
1980	23,339	21,408	1,931	8.3%
1981	24,131	21,695	2,436	10.1%
1982	24,637	21,453	3,184	12.9%
1983	26,518	23,726	2,792	10.5%
1984	28,973	26,724	2,249	7.8%
1985	29,937	27,413	2,524	8.4%
1986	29,554	26,910	2,644	8.9%
1987	29,567	27,126	2,441	8.3%
1988	29,703	27,076	2,627	8.8%
1989	30,564	28,232	2,332	7.6%
1990	30,299	28,010	2,289	7.6%
1991	31,029	28,179	2,850	9.2%
1992	32,590	29,872	2,718	8.3%
1993	34,522	32,014	2,508	7.3%
1994	35,725	33,322	2,403	6.7%
1995	35,837	32,919	2,918	8.1%
1996	36,646	33,953	2,693	7.3%
1997	37,541	34,763	2,778	7.4%
1998	38,311	35,278	3,033	7.9%
1999	38,003	35,318	2,685	7.1%
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry Research & Analysis Bureau (2000 Benchmark)				

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	27,750	15,275	12,475
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	5,677	2,815	2,862
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	2,492	1,442	1,050
Professional Specialty Occupations	3,185	1,373	1,812
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	7,927	2,518	5,409
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	699	346	353
Sales Occupations	3,447	1,769	1,678
Administrative Support Occupations, including Clerical	3,781	403	3,378
Service Occupations	4,378	1,370	3,008
Private Household Occupations	121	6	115
Protective Service Occupations	327	287	40
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	3,930	1,077	2,853
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,342	1,147	195
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	3,238	3,086	152
Mechanics and Repairs	1,171	1,157	14
Construction Trade	1,320	1,280	40
Extractive Occupations	18	18	0
Precision Production Occupations	729	631	98
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	5,049	4,290	759
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,702	1,389	313
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,902	1,734	168
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,445	1,167	278
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	139	49	90
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM)			

Resources

⇒ **Chambers of Commerce:**
Bigfork Chamber, P. O. Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5888
Columbia Falls Chamber, Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2072
Kalispell Chamber, 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-2800
Lakeside-Somers Chamber, P. O. Box 177, Lakeside, MT 59922, 406-844-3715
Westshore Chamber, 5557 Highway 93 S., Somers, MT 59932, 406-857-2042
Whitefish Chamber, P. O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3501

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**
Flathead Job Service
427 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-6200

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⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS®, 690 N. Meridian, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>
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⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Kalispell—35 W. Reserve Drive 406-257-2127

⇒ **Newspapers:**
Bigfork Eagle, P. O. Box 406, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5131, <http://www.bigfork eagle.com/>
Hungry Horse News, P. O. Box 189, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2151, <http://www.hungryhorsenews.com/>
The Daily Inter Lake, P. O. Box 7610, Kalispell, MT 59904, 406-755-7000, <http://www.dailyinterlake.com/>
Whitefish Pilot, P. O. Box 488, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3505, <http://www.whitefishpilot.com/>

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Bigfork Branch Library, 525 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911-0472, 406-837-6976
Columbia Falls Branch Library, 130 6th St. W. #C, Columbia Falls, MT 59912-3609, 406-892-5919
Flathead County Library, 247 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901-4598, 406-758-5820
Marion Branch Library, 205 Gopher Lane, Marion, MT 59925-1048, 406-854-2333
Whitefish Branch Library, 9 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937-2551, 406-862-6657

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institution:**
Community College
Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-3822, <http://www.fvcc.cc.mt.us>

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Bigfork Public Schools, P. O. Box 188, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-7400
Cayuse Prairie Elementary, 897 Lake Blaine Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-4562
Columbia Falls Public Schools, P. O. Box 1259, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-6550
Creston Elementary, 4495 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-2859
Deer Park Elementary, 2105 Middle Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-5388
Evergreen Schools, 18 W. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-751-1111
Fair-Mont-Egan Elementary, 797 Fairmont Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-7072
Helena Flats Elementary, 1000 Helena Flats Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-257-2301
Kalispell Public Schools, 233 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-751-3416
Kila Elementary, P. O. Box 40, Kila, MT 59920, 406-257-2428
Marion Elementary, 205 Gopher Lane, Marion, MT 59925, 406-854-2333
Olney-Bissell Elementary, 5955 Farm To Market Road, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-2828
Pleasant Valley Elementary, 7975 Pleasant Valley Road, Marion, MT 59925, 406-858-2344
Smith Valley Elementary, 600 Batavia Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-7760
Somers Elementary, P. O. Box 159, Somers, MT 59932, 406-857-3661
Swan River Elementary, 1205 Swan Highway, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-0126
West Glacier Elementary, P. O. Box 309, West Glacier, MT 59936, 406-888-5017
West Valley Elementary, 2290 Farm To Market Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-7239
Whitefish Public Schools, 600 E. 2nd St., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-8640

Flathead County Employment By Industry*									
Annual Averages 1999									
Industry	# of Establish- ments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Establish- ments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid		
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	3,230	30,086	\$696,556,890	General Merchandise	9	743	\$11,783,805		
PRIVATE BUSINESS	3,114	25,935	\$583,172,192	Food Stores	61	1,021	\$16,424,488		
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	79	346	\$6,749,689	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	88	890	\$21,195,027		
Agri Production/Crops	11	74	\$1,123,942	Apparel & Accessories	37	154	\$1,573,860		
Agri Production/Livestock	4	32	\$497,949	Furniture Stores	76	350	\$7,322,556		
Agriculture Services	56	194	\$2,950,251	Eating & Drinking	240	2,814	\$26,136,426		
Forestry	7	44	\$2,177,547	Miscellaneous Retail	174	769	\$10,965,152		
Mining & Quarry Nonmetal	8	96	\$3,682,518	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	280	1,473	\$42,638,784		
CONSTRUCTION	431	1,855	\$51,308,370	Banking	26	528	\$14,053,446		
General Building	152	443	\$11,553,563	Credit Agencies	21	162	\$6,848,165		
Heavy Construction	31	416	\$14,207,775	Security & Commodity	20	49	\$2,843,936		
Special Trade	247	995	\$25,547,032	Insurance Carriers	19	192	\$5,589,531		
MANUFACTURING	195	4,029	\$133,429,430	Insurance Agents	52	146	\$5,045,777		
Food Products	11	104	\$2,547,467	Real Estate	131	363	\$6,813,425		
Lumber	93	1,911	\$66,070,746	Holding & Investments	8	32	\$1,444,504		
Furniture	3	37	\$485,481	SERVICES	1,067	8,705	\$179,250,326		
Printing-Publishing	22	267	\$5,324,287	Hotels & Lodging	77	1,237	\$15,840,350		
Chemicals	4	49	\$1,053,138	Personal Services	63	249	\$3,235,139		
Stone-Clay-Glass	6	79	\$2,390,613	Business Services	134	1,318	\$20,735,650		
Primary Metals	8	681	\$27,042,256	Auto-Repair Services	82	360	\$7,599,722		
Fabricated Metal	6	22	\$479,979	Miscellaneous Repair Services	33	127	\$2,675,943		
Transportation Equipment	5	69	\$1,707,084	Motion Pictures	17	118	\$1,108,409		
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10	43	\$868,878	Amusement & Recreation Services	81	741	\$7,921,482		
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	170	1,253	\$35,921,468	Health Services	176	2,836	\$76,190,958		
Local Transportation	16	101	\$1,001,268	Legal Services	54	144	\$7,196,381		
Trucking-Warehousing	83	425	\$11,650,944	Educational Services	11	181	\$2,749,391		
Water Transportation	5	15	\$238,910	Social Services	79	507	\$6,895,561		
Air Transportation	14	213	\$4,741,810	Museums, Zoos Etc.	5	18	\$180,131		
Transport Services	16	70	\$1,523,736	Membership Organizations	80	390	\$4,484,174		
Communication	21	240	\$8,707,448	Engineering Services	116	403	\$21,382,583		
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	13	187	\$8,057,352	Private Households	42	50	\$704,094		
WHOLESALE TRADE	123	854	\$22,263,583	Miscellaneous Services	12	19	\$370,174		
Durable Goods	80	418	\$11,747,054	GOVERNMENT	114	4,151	\$113,386,691		
Nondurable Goods	43	435	\$10,518,529	State	16	492	\$12,526,898		
RETAIL TRADE	748	7,312	\$107,600,427	Local	59	2,819	\$71,155,788		
Bldg Materials-Garden	69	568	\$12,199,123	Federal	39	839	\$29,704,016		

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

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Montana	\$3,625	\$9,143	\$15,524	\$16,509	\$17,114	\$18,072	\$18,129	\$18,764	\$19,383	\$20,130	\$21,229
% of National Average	89%	90%	79%	82%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Flathead County	\$3,473	\$9,348	\$15,862	\$16,785	\$17,687	\$18,598	\$18,631	\$19,149	\$19,736	\$20,467	\$22,327
% of National Average	85%	92%	81%	84%	84%	86%	83%	81%	80%	79%	82%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System Released May 2000

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School Age	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	6,869	3,291	10	5	131	65	30	11	109	47	22	11
12-14	2,788	1,344	5	2	57	27	13	9	48	14	7	1
15-17	2,551	1,226	3	1	35	18	8	5	40	14	9	5
18-21	2,248	1,078	5	2	50	20	13	7	30	21	7	4
Total	14,456	6,939	23	10	273	130	64	32	227	96	45	21
Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
Working & Voting Age	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	43,233	22,153	36	12	607	319	168	117	380	196	97	45
16-64	35,576	17,887	32	10	562	292	159	111	351	181	96	45
18+	41,600	21,359	33	11	582	304	163	114	352	187	91	43
18-64	33,943	17,093	29	9	537	277	154	108	323	172	90	43
Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
Other Age Group	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	4,089	1,989	5	2	75	41	26	11	67	34	16	7
5-17	12,208	5,861	18	8	223	110	51	25	197	75	38	17
18-44	22,539	11,450	22	6	403	205	97	68	236	129	62	32
45-64	11,404	5,643	7	3	134	72	57	40	87	43	28	11
62+	9,124	5,011	5	2	55	33	14	11	39	21	5	1
65+	7,657	4,266	4	2	45	27	9	6	29	15	1	0
Total	57,897	29,209	56	21	880	455	240	150	616	296	145	67
Source U S Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM)												

Flathead County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Flathead County	County of Work	# Who Live in Flathead County
Out of State	73	Out of State	303
Cascade County	25	Cascade County	17
Flathead County	24,221	Flathead County	24,221
Glacier County	19	Gallatin County	24
Lake County	740	Glacier County	15
Lewis & Clark County	10	Hill County	31
Lincoln County	60	Lake County	72
Missoula County	28	Lincoln County	133
Ravalli County	20	Missoula County	56
Sanders County	11	Ravalli County	17
Other Montana Counties	40	Sanders County	18
		Other Montana Counties	51